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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application filed concurrently herewith, please amend the following:

In the Claims:

Please enter the following amended claims:

3. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 1, that is a homogeneous solution.
5. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of C₁-C₄ monohydric alcohol carrier fluid to water is greater than 65:35.
6. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of C₁-C₄ monohydric alcohol carrier fluid to water is greater than 75:25 and the solubility promoter comprises an organic amine.

8. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 6, wherein the organic amine is present at a level sufficient to lead to an aqueous solution of the chelator salt having a pH of between 6 and 8 (at a molar concentration of chelator salt equal to that present in the composition).
9. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 1, wherein the iron (III) chelator has a binding coefficient for iron (III) of greater than 10^{26} .
10. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 1, wherein the iron (III) chelator is a polyaminocarboxylic acid or salt thereof.
11. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 1, wherein the iron (III) chelator has an acid form with at least five ionisable acid groups.
13. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 1, wherein the chelator is present at a concentration of 0.01% to 10% by weight of the composition, excluding any volatile propellant present.
14. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 1, comprising an additional anti-microbial agent.
16. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 1, comprising fragrance material at up to 4% by weight of the composition, excluding any volatile propellant present.
17. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 1, that comprises a volatile propellant.
20. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 17, wherein the weight ratio of C₁-C₄ monohydric alcohol carrier fluid to water is between 95:5 and 99:1.

- 21. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 17, wherein the weight ratio of C₁-C₄ monohydric alcohol carrier fluid to water is greater than 99:1.
- 22. (Amended) A method of controlling microbial numbers, said method comprising the application to a substrate of an anti-microbial composition according to claim 1.
- 23. (Amended) A cosmetic method of inhibiting the generation of malodour comprising the topical application to the human body or to apparel worn in close proximity thereto of a composition according claim 2.
- 24. (Amended) A cosmetic method of delivering enhanced fragrance intensity comprising the topical application to the human body or to apparel worn in close proximity thereto of a composition according claim 2 that also comprises a fragrance material.

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted to eliminate multiple dependencies and to correct minor typographical errors.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attachment is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made".

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

3. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, that is a homogeneous solution.
5. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to ~~any of the preceding~~ claims claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of C₁-C₄ monohydric alcohol carrier fluid to water is greater than 65:35.
6. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to ~~any of the preceding~~ claims claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of C₁-C₄ monohydric alcohol carrier fluid to water is greater than 75:25 and the solubility promoter comprises an organic amine.
8. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 6 ~~or 7~~, wherein the organic amine is present at a level sufficient to lead to an aqueous solution of the chelator salt having a pH of between 6 and 8 (at a molar concentration of chelator salt equal to that present in the composition).
9. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to ~~any of the preceding~~ claims claim 1, wherein the iron (III) chelator has a binding coefficient for iron (III) of greater than 10²⁶.
10. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to ~~any of the preceding~~ claims claim 1, wherein the iron (III) chelator is a polyaminocarboxylic acid or salt thereof.
11. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to ~~any of the preceding~~ claims claim 1, wherein the iron (III) chelator has an acid form with at least five ionisable acid groups.

13. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the chelator is present at a concentration of 0.01% to 10% by weight of the composition, excluding any volatile propellant present.
14. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, comprising an additional anti-microbial agent.
16. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, comprising fragrance material at up to 4% by weight of the composition, excluding any volatile propellant present.
17. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, that comprises a volatile propellant.
20. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to ~~any of claims 17 to 19~~ claim 17, wherein the weight ratio of C₁-C₄ monohydric alcohol carrier fluid to water is between 95:5 and 99:1.
21. (Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to ~~any of claims 17 to 19~~ claim 17, wherein the weight ratio of C₁-C₄ monohydric alcohol carrier fluid to water is greater than 99:1.
22. (Amended) A method of controlling microbial numbers, said method comprising the application to a substrate of an anti-microbial composition according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1.
23. (Amended) A cosmetic method of inhibiting the generation of malodour comprising the topical application to the human body or to apparel worn in close proximity thereto of a composition according ~~any one of claims 2 to 21~~ claim 2.
24. (Amended) A cosmetic method of delivering enhanced fragrance intensity comprising the topical application to the human body or to apparel worn in close

proximity thereto of a composition according ~~any one of claims 2 to 21~~ claim 2 |
that also comprises a fragrance material.